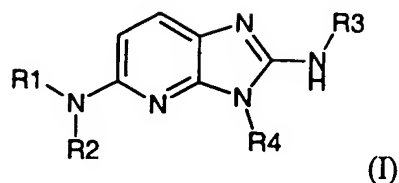


**In the claims:**

**Claim 1** (currently amended)      A compound of ~~general~~ the formula (I)



in racemic, or enantiomeric form or any combinations of these forms and ~~in which~~  
wherein:

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> ~~represent~~ are, independently, selected from the group consisting of the  
hydrogen, ~~atom;~~ a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)alkyl ~~radical~~ optionally substituted by hydroxy;  
(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl; a bicycloalkyl; ~~or a radical of formula~~ -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-X<sub>1</sub> ~~or~~ and  
-X-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-X'<sub>1</sub>;

X ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of -C(O)- or -C(S)-NH-;

X<sub>1</sub> ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl,  
adamantyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl ~~or~~ and heteroaryl ~~radical~~,

The (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl ~~radicals~~ being  
optionally substituted by at least one member ~~or more identical or different~~  
~~substituents chosen from~~ selected from the group consisting of: -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n1</sub>-V<sub>1</sub>-Y<sub>1</sub>,  
halo, nitro and cyano;

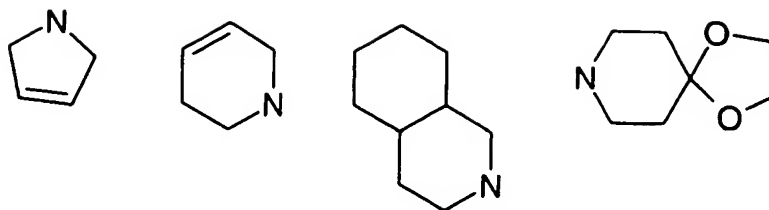
~~V<sub>1</sub> represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S- or a covalent bond;

~~Y<sub>1</sub> represents a~~ is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl ~~radical~~ optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo radicals, or aryl;

~~n and n' represent an~~ are integers from 0 to 6 and n<sub>1</sub> an integer from 0 to 2 (it being understood that when n is equal to 0, then X<sub>1</sub> ~~does~~ is not ~~represent the~~ alkoxy ~~radical~~);

~~X'<sub>1</sub> represents the~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl ~~radical~~ optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo radicals, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl; ~~or~~ and aryl optionally substituted by at least one member ~~or more identical or different substituents chosen from:~~ halo, nitro, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-carbonyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo radicals, and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo radicals;

or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form together, with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a heterobicycloalkyl or a heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted by at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~or more identical or different substituents chosen from:~~ hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-carbonyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>'-A, -C(O)-NV<sub>1</sub>'-Y<sub>1</sub>', and heterocycloalkyl; or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form together ~~a radical of formula~~ a member selected from the group consisting of:



$V_1$ ' and  $Y_1$ ' ~~represent~~ are, independently, ~~the hydrogen atom~~ or a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl;

$A$  ~~represents an~~ is aryl ~~radical~~ optionally substituted by at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~or more identical or different substituents~~ ~~chosen from~~: halo, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl optionally substituted by at least one member selected from the group ~~or more identical or different~~ halo ~~radicals~~, and  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo ~~radicals~~;

$n''$  ~~represents~~ is an integer from 0 to 2;

$R_3$  ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of  $-Z_3$ ,  $-C(R_{z3})(R'_{z3})-(CH_2)_p-$   $Z_3$  ~~or~~ and  $-C(O)-Z'_3$ ;

$R_{z3}$  and  $R'_{z3}$  ~~represent~~ are, independently, ~~the hydrogen atom~~ or a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl ~~radical~~;

$Z_3$  ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of  $Z_{3a}$ ,  $Z_{3b}$ ,  $Z_{3c}$ ,  $Z_{3d}$ , ~~or~~ and  $Z_{3e}$ ;

$Z_{3a}$  ~~represents a~~ is  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or  $(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl ~~radical~~;

$Z_{3b}$  ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,

$C_1-C_6$ alkylthio,  $C_1-C_6$ alkylamino ~~or~~ and  $di((C_1-C_6)alkyl)amino$  radical;

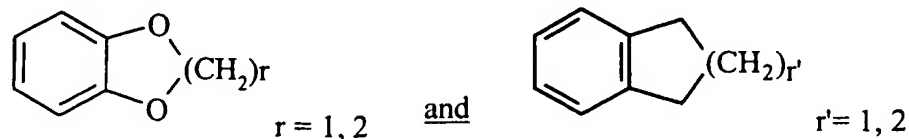
$Z_{3c}$  ~~represents an~~ aryl or heteroaryl radical; the aryl and heteroaryl radicals being optionally substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from member selected from the group consisting of: halo, cyano, nitro, azido, oxy ~~or~~ and  $-(CH_2)_p-V_3-Y_3$ ;

$V_3$  ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-C(O)-$ ,  $-C(O)-O-$ ,  $-O(CO)-$ ,  $-SO_2-$ ,  $-SO_2NH-$ ,  $-NR'_3-SO_2-$ ,  $-NR'_3-$ ,  $-NR'_3-C(O)-NR'_3-$ ,  $-NH-C(O)-NR'_3-$  ~~or~~ and a covalent bond;

$Y_3$  ~~represents the~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, ~~atom or a~~  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  radicals optionally substituted by at least one or more identical or different substituents chosen from member selected from the group consisting of: halo, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  and  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ ; ~~or an~~ and aryl- $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$  radical optionally substituted by at least one member selected from the group consisting of or more identical or different substituents chosen from: halo, nitro,  $C_1-C_6$ alkyl and  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$ ;

$Z_{3d}$  ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of  $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy-carbonyl$ , amino-carbonyl,  $(C_1-C_6)alkylamino-carbonyl$  and  $di((C_1-C_6)alkyl)amino-carbonyl$  radical;

~~Z<sub>3c</sub> represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-C(O)-NH-,  
 (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, ~~radical or a radical of formula~~



the (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl ~~radicals~~ being optionally  
 substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ oxy or  
 (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl ~~radicals~~,

~~Z'<sub>3</sub> represents an~~ is aryl radical optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more~~  
~~identical or different substituents chosen from~~ member selected from the group  
consisting of: halo, nitro and -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>-V'<sub>3</sub>-Y'<sub>3</sub>;

V'<sub>3</sub> ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -C(O)-,  
 -C(O)-O-, -O(CO)-NR'<sub>3</sub>-, -NR'<sub>3</sub>-C(O)-, -NH-C(O)-NR'<sub>3</sub>- ~~or~~ and a  
 covalent bond;

Y'<sub>3</sub> ~~represents the hydrogen atom~~ or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl ~~radical~~ optionally  
 substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo ~~radicals~~;

R'<sub>3</sub> ~~represents the hydrogen atom~~, is selected from the group consisting of  
 a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl ~~or~~ and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy ~~radical~~;

p, p' and p'' represent, are, independently, an integer from 0 to 6;

R<sub>4</sub> ~~represents a radical of formula~~ is  $-(CH_2)_s-R'_4$

R'<sub>4</sub> ~~represents a~~ is heterocycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally substituted by (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or arakyl; a heteroaryl containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally substituted by (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl; ~~or a radical of formula~~ and  $-NW_4W'_4$

W<sub>4</sub> ~~represents the~~ is hydrogen atom or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)alkyl;

W'<sub>4</sub> ~~represents a radical of formula~~ is  $-(CH_2)_s-Z_4$ ;

Z<sub>4</sub> ~~represents the~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom,  
(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)alkyl; (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl; (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl optionally substituted by at least  
~~one or more identical or different~~ (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituents; cyclohexene;  
heteroaryl; and aryl optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or~~  
~~different radicals chosen from~~ member selected from the group consisting of:  
 $-(CH_2)_s-V_4-Y_4$ , halo and nitro;

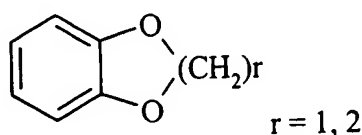
V<sub>4</sub> ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-,  
-NH-C(O)-, -NV<sub>4</sub>'- ~~or a~~ and covalent bond;

~~Y<sub>4</sub> represents a~~ is hydrogen atom or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl ~~radical~~ optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo radicals;

~~V<sub>4</sub>' represents a~~ is hydrogen atom or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;

~~s'' represents~~ is an integer from 0 to 4;

or Z<sub>4</sub> ~~represents a radical of formula~~ is



s and s' ~~represent,~~ are, an integer from 0 to 6;

~~or~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 2**(currently amended)

A compound ~~according to~~ of Claim 1,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> ~~represent~~ are, independently, selected from the group consisting of the  
hydrogen atom, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)alkyl, a bicycloalkyl, ~~radical or a radical of formula~~ -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-X<sub>1</sub>  
~~or~~ and -X-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-X'<sub>1</sub>;

X ~~represents~~ -C(O)- or -C(S)-NH-;

X<sub>1</sub> ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl  
~~radical~~ optionally substituted by a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, ~~or~~ and heteroaryl;

~~X' represents the~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, a-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl radical optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo radicals, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl or aryl optionally substituted by a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-carbonyl;

or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form together, with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, are heterobicycloalkyl or a heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different substituents chosen from~~ member selected from the group consisting of: (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-carbonyl and -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-A;

~~A represents an~~ is aryl radical optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different substituents chosen from:~~ halo and or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;

~~n'' represents~~ is an integer from 0 to 1;

~~R<sub>4</sub> represents a radical of formula~~ is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>s</sub>-R'<sub>4</sub>

~~R'<sub>4</sub> represents a~~ is heterocycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally substituted by (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl; or ~~a radical of formula~~ -NW<sub>4</sub>W'<sub>4</sub>

~~W<sub>4</sub> represents the~~ is hydrogen atom, a- (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)alkyl;

~~W'<sub>4</sub> represents a radical of formula~~ is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>s</sub>'-Z<sub>4</sub>;



~~Z<sub>4</sub> represents the~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom,  
(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)alkyl ~~or and~~ aryl optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or~~  
~~different radicals chosen from:~~ -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>s''</sub>-V<sub>4</sub>-Y<sub>4</sub>;

V<sub>4</sub> ~~represents~~ is -O-;

Y<sub>4</sub> ~~represents a~~ is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl ~~radical~~ optionally substituted by at least  
one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo radicals;

s'' ~~represents~~ is an integer from 0 to 4;

s and s' ~~represent~~ are, independently, an integer from 1 to 4;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 3** (currently amended)      A compound ~~according to~~ of Claim 2,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises at least one of the following characteristics:

- ~~the cycloalkyl radical~~ is chosen from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl and cyclohexyl;
- ~~the bicycloalkyl radical~~ is bicyclo[2,2,1]heptane;
- ~~the heterobicycloalkyl~~ is 7-aza-bicyclo[2,2,1]heptane;
- ~~the aryl radical~~ is the phenyl radical;
- ~~the heteroaryl radical~~ is the furyl radical;
- ~~the heterocycloalkyl~~ is chosen from piperidine, morpholine and piperazine;

- the heterocycloalkyl is chosen from piperidine, morpholine and piperazine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 4 (currently amended)**      ~~A compound according to one of~~  
~~Claims 1 to 2, characterized in that~~ wherein  
~~R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> represent~~ are, independently, the hydrogen atom, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl radical or a  
~~radical of formula -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-X<sub>1</sub> or -X-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n'</sub>-X'<sub>1</sub>;~~

~~X represents~~ is -C(O)-;

~~X<sub>1</sub> represents a~~ is (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl radical;

~~X'<sub>1</sub> represents the~~ is hydrogen atom or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl radical;

~~n represents~~ is 0 or 1; ~~n' represents~~ is an integer from 0 to 5;

or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form together, with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, are  
heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~  
(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl ~~substituents~~; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 5 (currently amended)**      ~~A compound according to~~ of Claim 4,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl radical ~~represented by~~ of X<sub>1</sub> and X'<sub>1</sub>  
is chosen from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl and cyclohexyl; and ~~the~~ heterocycloalkyl that

together form R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>, is ~~the~~ piperidine ring; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 6 (currently amended)**      ~~A compound according to one of Claim 1 to 2 and 4 to 5, characterized in that~~ A compound according to one of Claim 1 to 2 and 4 to 5, characterized in that wherein

~~R<sub>4</sub> represents a radical of formula~~ is  $-(CH_2)_s-R'_4$

~~R'<sub>4</sub> represents a~~ is heterocycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally substituted by (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl; ~~or a radical of formula~~  $-NW_4W'_4$

~~W<sub>4</sub> represents the~~ is hydrogen atom or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)alkyl;

~~W'<sub>4</sub> represents a radical of formula~~ is  $-(CH_2)_{s'}-Z_4$ ;

~~Z<sub>4</sub> represent the~~ is hydrogen atom or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)alkyl;

~~s and s' represent~~ are, independently, an integer from 2 to 4;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 7 (currently amended)**      ~~A compound according to of Claim 6, characterized in that~~ A compound according to of Claim 6, characterized in that wherein the heterocycloalkyl ~~represented by~~ of R'<sub>4</sub> is ~~chosen from:~~ piperidine ~~and~~ or morpholine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 8** (currently amended)      ~~A compound according to one of the~~  
~~preceding claims, characterized in that~~ of Claim 1 wherein  $R_3$  ~~represents~~ is  $-C(O)-Z'_3$

$Z'_3$  ~~represents an aryl radical optionally substituted by at least one or more~~  
~~identical or different substituents chosen from~~ member selected from the group  
consisting of halo and  $-(CH_2)_p-V'_3-Y'_3$ ;

$V'_3$  ~~represents~~ is  $-O-$  or a covalent bond;

$Y'_3$  ~~represents the~~ is hydrogen atom or a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl radical optionally  
substituted by at least one or more ~~identical or different~~ halo radicals;

$p$  represents an integer from 0 to 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 9** (currently amended)      ~~A compound according to one of the~~  
~~preceding claims, characterized in that~~ of Claim 1 wherein  $R_3$  ~~represents~~ is selected from  
the group consisting of  $Z_3$ ,  $-C(R_{Z3})(R'_{Z3})-Z_3$  ~~or~~ and  $-C(R_{Z3})(R'_{Z3})-(CH_2)_p-Z_3$ ; or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 10** (currently amended)      ~~A compound according to~~ of Claim 9,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein  $R_3$  ~~represents~~ is  $-Z_3$  and  $Z_3$  ~~represents~~ is selected from the  
group consisting of  $Z_{3b}$ ,  $Z_{3c}$ ,  $Z_{3e}$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 11** (currently amended)      A compound according to of Claim 10,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ Z<sub>3</sub> represents is Z<sub>3c</sub> and Z<sub>3c</sub> represents an is aryl radical; or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 12** (currently amended)      A compound according to of Claim 11,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ Z<sub>3c</sub> represents a is phenyl radical substituted by at least one  
~~or more identical or different substituents chosen from~~ member selected from the group  
consisting of : halo, nitro ~~or~~ and  $-(CH_2)_p-V_3-Y_3$ ;

V<sub>3</sub> ~~represents is~~ selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -C(O)-, -C(O)-O-,  
-SO<sub>2</sub>NH-, -NR'<sub>3</sub>-C(O)-, -C(O)-NR'<sub>3</sub>- ~~or~~ and a covalent bond;

R'<sub>3</sub> ~~represents the is~~ hydrogen atom;

Y<sub>3</sub> ~~represents the is~~ hydrogen atom or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl radical optionally  
substituted by at least one ~~or more identical or different~~ halo radicals; or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 13** (currently amended)      A compound according to of Claim 11,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ Z<sub>3c</sub> represents a is phenyl radical substituted by at least one  
~~or more identical or different substituents of formula~~  $-(CH_2)_p-V_3-Y_3$ ;

V<sub>3</sub> ~~represents is~~ selected from the group consisting of -C(O)-, -C(O)-O-, ~~or~~ and

$\text{-C(O)-NR}'_3$ ;

$\text{R}'_3$  ~~represents the~~ is hydrogen atom;

$\text{Y}_3$  ~~represents the~~ is hydrogen atom or a  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyl radical; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

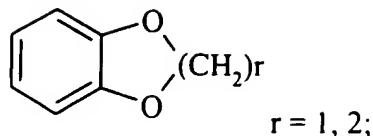
**Claim 14** (currently amended)      A compound ~~according to~~ of Claim 9, characterized in that wherein  $\text{R}_3$  ~~represents is~~ is  $\text{-C(R}_{z3})(\text{R}'_{z3})\text{-Z}_3$  and  $\text{Z}_3$  ~~represents is~~ is  $\text{Z}_{3d}$  or  $\text{Z}_{3e}$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 15** (currently amended)      A compound ~~according to~~ of Claim 9, characterized in that wherein  $\text{R}_3$  ~~represents is~~ is  $\text{-C(R}_{z3})(\text{R}'_{z3})\text{-(CH}_2)_p\text{-Z}_3$  and  $\text{Z}_3$  ~~represents is~~ is  $\text{Z}_{3c}$ ,  $\text{Z}_{3d}$  or  $\text{Z}_{3e}$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 16** (currently amended)      A compound ~~according to~~ of Claim 15, characterized in that wherein  $\text{Z}_3$  ~~represents is~~ is  $\text{Z}_{3d}$  or  $\text{Z}_{3e}$ ;

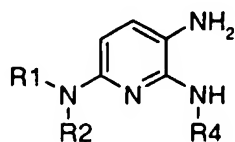
$\text{Z}_{3d}$  ~~represents a~~ is  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkoxy-carbonyl or amino-carbonyl radical;

$\text{Z}_{3e}$  ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyl-C(O)-NH-, heterocycloalkyl radical being optionally substituted by an oxy radical, or a radical of formula



or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 17** (currently amended)      A process for the preparation of a compound of Claim 1 comprising reacting a ~~formula (I) according to one of the preceding claims~~ characterized in that the compound of the general formula:



~~in which~~ wherein  $R_1, R_2, R_4$  have the meaning ~~indicated in~~ of Claim 1, ~~is treated~~ with an isothiocyanate of the general formula  $R_3N=C=S$  in which  $R_3$  has the meaning indicated in Claim 1, in the presence of a coupling agent or of yellow mercury (II) oxide in the presence of ~~sulphur~~ sulfur, for a duration of 3 to 48 hours, in a protic or aprotic solvent, at a temperature of 50 to 80°C.

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Cancel **Claims 18 to 22** and add the following **Claims 23 to 27**.

**Claim 23.** (new)      A pharmaceutical composition for treating weight disorders comprising an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 sufficient to treat said disorder and an inert pharmaceutical carrier.

**Claim 24 (new)**      A method of treating a condition selected from the group consisting of weight disorders, mental disorders, pain and sexual activity disorders in warm-blooded animals comprising administering to warm-blooded animals in need thereof an amount of a compound of Claim 1 sufficient to treat said condition.

**Claim 25 (new)**      The method of Claim 24 wherein the condition being treated is anxiety and depression.

**Claim 26 (new)**      The method of Claim 24 wherein the condition being treated is pain.

**Claim 27 (new)**      The method of Claim 26 wherein the pain is neuropathic pain.